

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF ALBERT JUDD

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albert "Randy" Randolph Judd on his remarkable life.

Mr. Judd passed peacefully in his sleep on April 11, 2019 and is survived by his wife Patricia "Pat" Roan Judd of 46 years and his son Liam Judd. Known as a long-time leader in the great city of Birmingham, Randy served as a City Commissioner for 10 years and as Mayor in 1989. Mr. Judd also joyfully spent his time as a scuba instructor and underwater photographer who certified scuba students in local lakes. He remained deeply committed to philanthropic efforts related to the arts and media while supporting various charitable causes focused on those in need.

Mr. Judd's remarkable life offers perspective on what makes communities and families thrive, a compassionate heart, quick wit, and an ability to show up when people need it most.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Albert Randolph Judd and his many contributions to his community in Birmingham, Michigan.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REWARD WORK ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support a bill I have introduced with Congressman KHANNA, the Reward Work Act.

Economic inequality has been spiraling for decades, and since the 1970s, corporate firms have increasingly relied on stock buybacks—juicing the price of their own stock in order to pay out huge sums to their executives and wealthy shareholders. These buybacks divert investment away from workers, long-term business growth, and research and development.

Since the tax overhaul in 2017, corporations have spent more than \$1 trillion on buybacks, while failing to deliver promised wage increases to workers. Wells Fargo was the single biggest beneficiary of the tax bill. Even as they have laid off workers and been exposed for numerous consumer protection scandals, they have bought back \$40 billion of their own stock.

Starbucks spent nearly \$6 billion on stock buybacks in 2018. If Starbucks reallocated money from share buybacks to compensation, every worker could get a \$7,000 raise. If Wal Mart ended its stock buybacks and spent \$10

billion on increasing wages instead, 1 million low-wage Wal Mart workers would enjoy an hourly wage increase of \$5.66.

Pharmaceutical giants are increasingly diverting money that could be spent on life-saving drugs into stock buybacks. In 2017 and 2018, shareholder payments by the 10 largest pharmaceutical companies increased by 75 percent to nearly \$115 billion. Shortly before the tax bill passed, Pfizer announced a \$10 billion buyback, then turned around and announced that they were ending research into Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Firms like Wal Mart are so committed to paying out their wealthiest shareholders that they'll even take on new debt to do it. Firms are increasingly doing share buybacks with risky leveraged loans, which have been identified by regulators as a growing threat to financial stability.

The Reward Work Act will give workers a voice in choosing how their company is run. Instead of enriching executives and shareholders, directors elected by workers can advocate for better wages. Wages in countries that require worker representation on corporate boards are 18-25 percent higher than wages in the United States.

I am grateful for the support of the AFL-CIO, Communication Workers of America, Americans for Financial Reform, and Take On Wall Street.

I urge this body to swiftly pass this bill and help curb the growth of runaway inequality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call vote 355, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast the first vote during the first vote series on June 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 323.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARRIAGE OF NISHA CHOKSI AND HETAL PATEL

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nisha Choksi and Hetal Patel on their remarkable relationship and to wish them well on a lifetime of marriage.

Nisha and Hetal were wed in a beautiful ceremony on May 11, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. Surrounded by friends and family from across the globe, their three days of festivities symbolize their deep commitment to one another and their future life.

Their wedding symbolizes the beginning of a journey that will carry them through the joys and hardships of life. Their ability to work together professionally and grow only closer is another testament to the powerful bond they share.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nisha Choksi and Hetal Patel for embarking on a new chapter in their lives and wishing them well on their journey together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on June 18, 2019, during the vote on Ms. Speier's amendment to prevent the Department of Defense from spending funds to implement the ban on open transgender service in the U.S. military. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye."

HONORING WILLIAM L. NETTLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-driven community servant, William L. Nettle.

William Nettle is a lifelong resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi. After graduating from Warren Central High School in 2004, he earned his bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Jackson State University. During his college tenure he worked at Factory Brand Shoes, where he learned the art of customer service.

William started his real estate career in 2010, after a short time spent working in the

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television industry. In August of 2016, William joined the Keller Williams family.

William Nettle is a member of the Bypass Church of Christ, where he serves as the Youth Coordinator, LIFE Group Leader, Bible School Teacher and Audio/Visual Coordinator.

He serves the community in numerous ways. William is on the Board of Directors for two nonprofit organizations: Warren County Habitat for Humanity and It's Time Media. He is a member of the Vicksburg Kiwanis Club, the Vicksburg Optimist Club, Vicksburg Young Professionals, and the Vicksburg/Warren County Chapter of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association. Mr. Nettle also frequently volunteers with United Way of West Central Mississippi by reading to 3rd graders as a part of the L.E.A.R.N. (Leaders Encouraging Advancements in Reading Now) Program. For fun, William likes watching sports, fishing, watching comedy and action movies and listening to good music. He also enjoys playing sports, especially bowling. He loves to sing and make people laugh.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing William L. Nettle for his hard work, dedication and tenacity to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BAPTISM OF HENRY WINTERHALTER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henry Graham Winterhalter and his baptism on Sunday, May 12, 2019.

I have the honor of being the Godmother to Henry and the lifelong friend of his parents Lindsay and Brian Winterhalter. On May 12th we gathered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a religious institution open to all children to witness Henry's baptism. Born on June 28, 2018, Henry is now freed from sin and baptized to Christ.

Without shedding a tear, and symbolizing his gentle heart and growing mind, Henry was baptized by Pastor John Spangler.

As his sponsor, I promised before friends and family to nurture Henry Graham in the Christian faith and to serve as a role model throughout his life. His life a blessing, we are inspired by all Henry will become, a true gift from God.

Let us all reflect on this as we work to make this country a better country for Henry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on another milestone in the life of Henry Graham Winterhalter and his bright future.

RECOGNIZING THE HAYMARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RE- CIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the Haymarket Police Department

and its outstanding member who has demonstrated superior dedication to ensuring the safety of his colleagues and members of the community and his designation as a 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipient. The annual Valor Awards ceremony recognizes the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals. For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service.

Our public safety and law enforcement workforces put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. In recognition of acts of valor, we award the following honoree for demonstrating extraordinary dedication and outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following name of the Haymarket Police Department law enforcement professional:

Merit Award for Valor: Officer John Gregory.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipient from the Haymarket Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished individual merit our highest praise. I thank the honoree, as well as all the Haymarket Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

CONGRATULATING MARGO DEAN AND THE BALLET CONCERTO ON 50 YEARS OF BRINGING DANCE AND INSPIRATION TO THE FORT WORTH COMMUNITY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Margo Dean and the Ballet Concerto on 50 years of bringing dance and inspiration to the Fort Worth Community.

Ballet Concerto was founded in 1969 by Artistic Director, Margo Dean, who has served in that role since its inception. The program has brought the art of ballet and other forms of dance to people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds in Fort Worth.

Ballet Concerto was the first ballet program in the State of Texas to go into public schools, and was the first arts program of any kind, to be approved by the Fort Worth Independent School District, to present educational lecture demonstrations to its students.

Margo Dean and the Ballet Concerto annually presents the Summer Dance Concert, a free, professional, outdoor performance to the Fort Worth Community that creates an outlet for talented young dancers, employment for local professionals, and opportunities for emerging local choreographers, and nationally and internationally renowned choreographers to premiere original, ground-breaking works.

I offer my thanks and congratulations to Margo Dean and the Ballet Concerto for enlightening and enriching the lives of the citizens of Fort Worth for the past 50 years.

THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion on their 100th birthday. The American Legion has been a leading voice in advocating for veterans, servicemembers, their families and communities.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of community-based programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow servicemembers and veterans.

The American Legion Department of New Hampshire was chartered on August 1, 1920. There are currently 107 American Legion Posts located throughout the Granite State, boasting nearly 18,000 members. American Legion members contribute significantly to their local communities. Members participate in blood drives, and contribute generously to scholarships, community projects, emergency aid and youth activities. Many of the Posts have halls, where community enjoy social functions for events throughout the year.

The American Legion works closely with the Veterans Administration to ensure that the veterans in New Hampshire and across our country are cared for following their service to the United States. New Hampshire leaders work closely with military organizations and are proud to have two military installations within the state serving thousands of military members and their families.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to the American Legion community for 100 years and all the best in the years to come.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered with my colleague from New Hampshire, Congresswoman ANNIE KUSTER.

Department of Defense leadership is needed to develop lead-free electronics to solve a pressing defense industrial base supply chain issue.

Throughout the world, the commercial electronics industry converted to lead-free component technology years ago. However, the defense electronics industry here at home remains reliant on lead-based assembly technology.

That's because Defense electronics in a fighter jet have different performance requirements than commercial electronics such as in an iPhone. These defense platforms require a much longer lifespan and the ability to perform in extreme environments.

Our amendment seeks to address the difficulty and cost DOD has experienced in trying to source lead-free electronic technologies, which will only increase as time goes on.

Additionally, without research and investment, our defense industrial base will continue to face challenges incorporating newly developed technologies, ultimately adversely affecting our military readiness.

I urge my colleagues to back our amendment to bolster U.S. efforts to develop lead-free defense electronics and look forward to working with Rep. KUSTER and the defense subcommittee on this issue.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE CITY OF MANASSAS PARK FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and are the 2019 recipients of the prestigious Prince William Chamber of Commerce Merit Award and Valorous Unit Award for their service. The annual Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals.

For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to our firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. For fire and rescue personnel, no two days are alike. Always on the front lines, the City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department is comprised of three sections: community safety, operations, and support systems.

These dedicated service members of a combination career and volunteer system fight fires, provide emergency medical services, perform rescues, and work in our community to promote fire safety and prevention. In recognition of their acts of valor, it is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department public safety personnel:

Valorous Unit: Battalion Chief Adam Jones—Battalion 589, Captain Josh Brandon—Medic 509, Fire Medic Randy Leach—Engine 509, Fire Medic John Pearre—Medic

509, Master Firefighter David Sullivan—Medic 509, Firefighter/EMT Kentry Snow—Engine 509.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women truly merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department public safety professionals for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

HONORING LINK STRATEGIC PARTNERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating LINK Strategic Partners on becoming the 2019 District of Columbia Small Business of the Year. This distinction is awarded as part of our 22nd annual District of Columbia Small Business Fair, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

This year, we are proud to honor LINK Strategic Partners, a national strategic communications and stakeholder engagement firm headquartered in Washington, D.C. LINK provides strategic communications and "hyperlocal" community engagement. With a radically different approach to the communications and public relations industry, LINK puts people, relationships and communities first.

LINK began in 2012 with two full-time employees sharing a small office in the Greater Washington Urban League building in the heart of Washington, D.C. In the seven years since then, the firm has grown tenfold in staff, expanded across the nation and opened its first international location. With team members in St. Louis, New York, Phoenix, Maine and Paris, LINK has grown to 300+ clients, \$15 million in awarded contract value and pro bono work of over \$1 million.

LINK specializes in helping clients build mutually beneficial relationships with local communities. Over the past seven years, LINK has evolved its social impact lens, focusing on the power of human connection and supporting clients in connecting with their constituents in ways that will improve the communities they serve. LINK has also demonstrated the value of investing in team members, offering competitive salaries, benefits and professional development opportunities.

Our fair highlights the importance of small businesses to the District's economy. It provides critical information, counseling and resources to aspiring and current D.C. small business owners. Small businesses are a crucial lifeline in our local economy, and the District thrives because of the expanding success of small businesses throughout the District. We thank the Washington Convention Center for hosting us again this year, the workshop experts who are providing valuable information and assistance to aspiring and current small business owners, and, of course, all the participants.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating LINK

Strategic Partners, as well as in celebrating small businesses across the District. In the District and in districts around the country, small businesses continue to make indispensable contributions to our economies and communities.

HONORING THE HONORABLE GERALD "JERRY" A. WORTH FOR HIS 41 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY AS JUSTICE FOR THE TOWN OF WILTON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable Gerald A. Worth on his retirement as Justice of the Town of Wilton.

Justice Worth comes from a strong tradition of service to the North Country with both of his parents serving as Justices of the Town of Wilton. His father, the Honorable Wesley Worth, served from 1945 until 1973, and his mother, the Honorable Lillian Worth, served from 1973 until 1976. Justice Worth took up that mantle in 1978 and has dutifully served his community since that day.

Justice Worth has served his country and community in a variety of capacities over the course of his career. Prior to his tenure as Justice, he served the North Country as President of Saratoga County's Magistrates, spent time in the Department of Transportation, and served in the National Guard.

After so many decades of service to our community and our country, Justice Worth deserves nothing less than our deepest gratitude. It is the honor of a lifetime and truly humbling to serve such incredible North Country residents here in Congress. After retirement, Justice Worth is looking forward to time with his family; including his three daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank the Honorable Gerald A. Worth for his service to our community and wish him all the happiness in the world as he begins this next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN MARSHALL MELVIN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of John Marshall Melvin.

John was a longtime resident of the Ninth District, moving to Jefferson, Georgia, as a young child. After graduating from Jefferson High School, John attended the University of Georgia where he played trumpet in the Dixie Redcoat Band and further cultivated his passion and talent for theater and music.

After graduating from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1965, John and his beloved wife, Mary Louise, moved to South Dakota where he served our country honorably

as a captain in the United States Air Force, working in the Judge Advocates Office. A few years later, he returned to Georgia to begin his 40-year career in real estate law at a firm that would later become Stewart, Melvin & Frost.

Often referred to as “larger than life,” John led a life full of leadership and service. He was an Eagle Scout, a member of Leadership Georgia, and a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, where he taught Sunday School and sang in the choir for over 40 years. John also served as president of the Gainesville Rotary Club from 1988 to 1989 and was recognized as Gainesville Rotary’s Man of the Year in 1999.

John Marshall Melvin leaves behind an honorable legacy of integrity, leadership, and service to his community. He was known around town as a well-respected lawyer, but he will always be remembered first and foremost as a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and grandfather. John will be greatly missed by many, but his impact will continue to reach generations to come.

On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I hope you will join John’s family in celebrating his remarkable life.

REPORTING ON THE 2019 SPRING
SESSION OF THE NATO PARLIAMEN-
TARY ASSEMBLY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, from May 30 to June 3, 2019, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) held its Spring Session in Bratislava, Slovakia. I led a bipartisan delegation to the Session, which included Representatives MICHAEL TURNER, JOHN SHIMKUS, SUSAN DAVIS, LINDA SÁNCHEZ, JIM COSTA, BRETT GUTHRIE, PAUL COOK, FILEMON VELA, BRENDAN BOYLE, NEAL DUNN, JAMES SENSENBRENNER, and staff.

The NATO PA was founded in 1955 to serve as an inter-parliamentary organization for NATO. The NATO PA brings together the legislators of the NATO Member States to promote awareness and understanding of challenges facing NATO and strengthen the transatlantic relationship.

In February in Brussels, Belgium, we were honored to have the Speaker of the House of Representatives NANCY PELOSI address the gathered delegates of the NATO PA and attend a meeting of the North Atlantic Council. The Speaker conveyed Congress’ unshakable commitment to the Alliance and was received with great warmth.

In early April, NATO celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a meeting of foreign ministers in Washington, DC—the site of the signing of the Washington Treaty in April 1949. On April 3, 2019, in observance of the 70th Anniversary, Mr. TURNER and I introduced H. Res. 286, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to NATO. On April 4, 2019, at the invitation of Speaker NANCY PELOSI, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg addressed a Joint Meeting of the two houses of Congress, the first head of a multilateral organization to deliver such an address.

On April 25, 2019, NATO’s 100th Rose-Roth Seminar was held in Brussels, Belgium. To recognize this milestone, Ripley Rand, former United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, spoke to commemorate and reflect on the work of his godfather and co-founder of the seminars, Congressman Charlie Rose of North Carolina.

On May 30, 2019, in Bratislava, NATO PA convened its Spring Session to conduct the committee work of the NATO PA.

The Defense and Security Committee heard three reports. Joseph Day of Canada gave a report on modernization of arms control and Allied nuclear forces, which mentioned NATO’s new nuclear deterrence policy and how this has paved the way for a potential new era of rearmament and potentially destabilizing arms race. Another report was given by Mr. Nicholas Soames of the United Kingdom on NATO’s ‘Evolving Security in the North Atlantic,’ which discussed five recommendations to help secure Allied interests and activities in the North Atlantic. Lara Martinho of Portugal delivered a report on NATO exercises and investments, which among other things identified opportunities for investment Member States can take to improve mobility of the military.

The Economics and Security Committee heard a report from Ausrine Armonait of Lithuania on North Macedonia, NATO’s soon to be 30th member. The head of Norway’s delegation, Christian Tybring-Gjedde, gave a report on how economic sanctions can be used as a tool for foreign policy and considers the conditions under which these tools can be effective. The committee also received a report from Jean-Marie Bockel of France on the impact of digital technology on the global economy and international trade in North America and Europe.

The Science and Technology Committee heard from three reports. One from Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS on “NATO in the Cyber Age: Strengthening Security & Defence, Stabilising Deterrence,” which described the growing importance of cyber security to NATO’s defense capabilities. Matej Tonin, the head of Slovenia’s delegation, delivered a report on artificial intelligence, which discussed the challenges and opportunities presented by military uses for artificial intelligence and global artificial intelligence research and development. Finally, the report “NATO Anti-Submarine Warfare: Rebuilding Capability, Preparing for the Future,” was presented by Leona Alleslev of Canada.

The Political Committee heard three reports. I presented my report, “NATO at 70: Why the Alliance Remains Indispensable,” which stressed that NATO’s success over the past 70 years is not only due to its military capabilities, but also the fact that it is an alliance underpinned by common values. This emphasis on shared values has been pivotal in maintaining Alliance cohesion for seven decades, and it will be decisive for continued success. The Alliance must continue to insist that Allies uphold the founding democratic principles of the Alliance and consider support for democratic institutions as a condition for continued and future membership in the Alliance. Julio Calha of Portugal delivered the report “Security and Stability in Africa—Challenges and Opportunities for NATO.” Also, Raynell Andreychuk of Canada presented a report on NATO’s relations with Russia, addressing

Russia’s likely confrontational attitude toward NATO, as well as areas where NATO and Russia have common areas of interest that could be developed.

Finally, the Civil Dimension of Security Committee heard a report from Ulla Schmidt of Germany, which reaffirmed the Alliance’s values. The report explored NATO’s historical commitment to democratic institutions and outlines recent challenges to these values. The committee also heard a report from Jane Cordy of Canada, examining Ukraine five years after the Revolution of Dignity. Finally, Lord Jopling of the United Kingdom, presented a report that emphasized that border security has become a top priority for many NATO Allies and examined border management strategies on both sides of the Atlantic.

During the Spring Session, the United States Delegation also met with the Speaker of the Slovakian Parliament Andrej Danko and was hosted by the German delegation for a bilateral working lunch.

I want to thank the members of the U.S. Delegation who work hard to support the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and in doing so demonstrate a steadfast commitment to transatlantic security and maintaining a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace. I also want to recognize the incredible support the NATO PA and our delegation receive from the Speaker of the House. It is noticed and appreciated on both sides of the Atlantic. Our delegation will continue its work in London in October at the 2019 Annual Session of the NATO PA.

HONORING CLYDE “ERNIE” HIERS
AND HIS 39 YEAR CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clyde “Ernie” Hiers on his 39 years of service to our communities as Fire Chief in Temple Terrace, Florida and the City of Kannapolis, located in North Carolina’s Eighth Congressional District.

Over the years, Ernie has made countless contributions to our community. He started his career in 1980 as a driver for Temple Terrace Fire Department at age 21 and retires today as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator at Kannapolis Fire Department.

Ernie is known throughout the community for his big smile, endless supply of jokes, and passion for service. Through his leadership, Kannapolis Fire Department has experienced a time of unprecedented growth. Ernie saw the number of firefighters rise from 33 to 84 on any given shift, transitioned to an all paid staff, and implemented thermal imaging and sophisticated 911 systems. Exemplary of his prowess, Kannapolis Fire Department constructed two new replacement stations and improved Insurance Service Office (ISO) ratings for the City.

Ernie now plans to spend more time with his wife, Dora and their family, travel more, and to partake in his favorite hobby of serving as a Kansas City Barbeque Society Master Judge. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I

would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Clyde "Ernie" Hiers on his 39 years of service to our communities.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered by my colleague Congresswoman SPANBERGER and my fellow members of the New Democrat Coalition National Security Task Force, Congressmen BOYLE and BROWN. Our foreign policy rests on three interconnected pillars of defense, diplomacy, and development. All three elements are critical and work in concert to promote American leadership in global affairs. We cannot shortchange one without harming our overall foreign policy.

As former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis put it succinctly: "If you don't fully fund the State Department, then I need to buy more ammunition."

That is but one reason I am so deeply concerned by the many critical foreign service positions that remain unfilled in the Trump Administration. These empty posts include the assistant secretaries overseeing the Middle East, East Asia, South Asia and Political-Military Affairs, as well as key ambassadorships around the world.

Our amendment would encourage the State Department to implement recommendations from a recent GAO study that found foreign service vacancies are undermining our foreign policy objectives. In addition, the amendment encourages GAO to expand its study to include the impact of vacancies in senior leadership and politically appointed positions at the Department of State on the United States' ability to meet its foreign policy, diplomacy, aid, and national security priorities and objectives.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment to ensure all three pillars of our foreign policy are working together at their best to promote our interests abroad and ensure our national security.

IN HONOR OF MS. SUE SWANN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sue Swann's forty

years of service to the Essex County Department of Social Services.

Ms. Swann was known as a diligent and determined employee who gave everyone she worked with countless reasons to admire her work ethic. Not only did she dedicate four decades of her life to the Department, but she worked three years in other state offices as well.

At work, she was frequently requested personally by clients for face-to-face meetings to discuss the benefits entitled to them. She did her job with unmatched love and care. Over forty years, she decided to stay in her position and reject countless promotions. Had she chosen to move to other localities, she could have been a Benefit Program Specialist 4 or 5, but because of the passion she has for what she did, she remained a Specialist 2.

Ms. Swann plans to go into retirement now after decades of her tremendous work, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the service of this great woman, Ms. Sue Swann, to the people of Virginia's 1st District, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the entirety of our great nation. May God bless Sue and her family for her countless hours of labor in service to her country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 PRINCE
WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE STONEWALL JACKSON
VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and are the 2019 recipients of the prestigious Prince William Chamber of Commerce Merit Award and Valorous Unit Award for their service. The annual Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals.

For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to our firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. These dedicated service members of a combination career and volunteer system fight fires, provide emergency medical services, perform rescues, and work in our community to promote fire safety and prevention. In recognition of their acts of valor, it is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue public safety personnel:

Merit Award for Valor: Firefighter/EMT Carlos Ambrosini.

Silver Medal for Valor: Firefighter Ian Lauderdale.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients

of the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women truly merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue public safety professionals for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF
MAJOR GENERAL JAMES LISON,
JR.

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Major General James Lison, Jr., who passed away on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the age of 98.

Maj. Gen. Lison was born in Green Bay on October 23, 1920. He graduated from Green Bay East High School in 1938, where he met the love of his life, Marian Kehl. Upon graduating from the Reserve Officer Training Course at St. Norbert College, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and ordered to active duty at the U.S. Army Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama on June 10, 1942. He returned to Green Bay to marry his sweetheart on September 11, 1942. The couple had four children, Kathy, Peter, Susan and Joan.

Maj. Gen. Lison served on active duty from 1942 to 1946, of which 14 months was in the European Theater as a rifle company officer, combat liaison officer and assistant operations officer with the 42nd "Rainbow" Division.

Separated from active duty in March 1946, Maj. Gen. Lison accepted immediate assignment to the U.S. Army Reserve. In November 1947, his Army Reserve unit commander, then organizing a Wisconsin National Guard regiment, recruited him to organize and command Tank Company, 426th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division. In 1951, he was assigned to the G-3 Section, Headquarters, 32 Infantry Division.

In 1953, Maj. Gen. Lison transferred to State Headquarters, Wisconsin Army National Guard, to accept full-time employment in the state Adjutant General's Office, where he served in a variety of staff assignments, culminating in his appointment by Governor Warren Knowles as the State Adjutant General in February 1969. He was promoted to Brigadier General in December 1968, and to Major General in March 1970. He retired from the active National Guard in 1980, and from state employment with the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs in 1983.

Through his service, Maj. Gen. Lison earned many awards and decorations which include the Legion of Merit, with Oak Leaf Cluster (second award), the Bronze Star Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (two campaigns-Rhineland and Central Europe), the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, as well as a number of State decorations and awards.

Madam Speaker, words cannot adequately thank Maj. Gen. Lison for his years of service to our country. May his service, dedication, and sacrifice be remembered by a grateful nation. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family.

HONORING EARLEAN MARSHALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Ms. Earlean Marshall.

Earlean Marshall was born on September 14, 1948 in Greenwood, Mississippi to U.S. Army Veteran, Mr. O.Z. Marshall, Sr. and Mrs. Mildred Macy Debro Marshall. She was the eldest of seven children. Her brother John D. Marshall and parents preceded her in death.

Growing up, Earlean's life journeys would take her to Chicago where her parents also lived. They would later relocate to Mississippi, settling in the Rosebank Community of Holmes County.

Earlean began her early public-school education at Mt. Olive School in the Mt. Olive Community. She dearly loved Mt. Olive School and would later serve on the Mt. Olive All-Class Reunion Committee. And, then she attended high school at Tchula Attendance Center (TAC) but would later finish high school in Los Angeles, California where she relocated in 1964 to live with her Aunt "Lovie" and cousins.

Earlean graduated from LA High in 1967 and received bachelor's degrees from California State and UCLA. She was very smart where many of her colleagues asked for her assistance. She was well liked by friends, co-workers and neighbors.

Earlean joined Liberty Baptist Church and was active on the youth usher Board as well as sang in the youth choir. Years later, Earlean joined Holman United Methodist Church in May 20, 1979. She was very active within her church community. She participated on the Holman Church Board, Advisory and Trustee Committee, The Women's Organization, The Holman Mass Choir, and the Usher Board. Earlean was always willing to serve and was very appreciated.

A business-minded individual, Earlean began her career in retail at Broadway Department Store in California but would later further her career for years in the corporate world as a contractor with TRW, Inc. and with The Boeing Company—The Aerospace & Tech Leader. Her work took her on numerous business travels.

Following Earlean's lengthy career in corporate America, she returned to Mississippi after her father died and made her home once again in the Rosebank community. She reunited with Rosebank M.B. Church where she would share her beautiful, melodious voice during devotion, served as acting secretary, was mistress of ceremony on numerous occasions, very active in Sunday School, and was a faithful supporter of the church. She remained active until her health began to decline.

An education advocate and family historian, Earlean often rejoiced in the achievements of

her nieces and nephews and other relatives of the family, always encouraging them on achieve greatness. God called her home to rest in His arms with sweet, sweet peace early Monday morning on February 25, 2019. She will truly be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Earlean Marshall.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduced the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would prohibit the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) from exercising authority over non-federal property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as for certain private land in D.C. Under the relevant EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the District "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act. The members of the CFA are appointed by the President.

The federal government, including the CFA, has no business in local land-use policies and decisions unrelated to the federal presence. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property anti-democratic, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in the District.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING CLYDE AND GWEN WASHINGTON FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 DUMFRIES MAYOR'S LIVING LEGEND AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2019 Dumfries Mayor's Living Legend Award. This award is presented to those who have had a profound impact on the Dumfries community through public service, civic engagement, and mentorship. The Town of Dumfries honors the recipients of this award at the Dumfries Mayor's Ball for their extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following individuals:

Clyde Washington: Clyde is a graduate of Norfolk State University, with a degree in Education. He also has a Master of Education de-

gree from Virginia State University. Clyde has used his passion for education and put it back into the community, serving as an educator for 31 years in Prince William County. During his tenure, he was a coach and mentor for many young men. Clyde was also an active member of the Prince William County Education Association, both the Virginia and National Education Association, and he was the Prince William County Representative on the Virginia Education Board of Directors. He also served as a Prince William County delegate to numerous State and National Conventions. In recognition of his dedication and civic engagement, he received several honors including a certificate of outstanding achievement from former Neabsco District Supervisor, John Jenkins. While Clyde was teaching, coaching, mentoring, and being an active civic leader, he also held a seat on the Town of Dumfries Council. In 1980, he ran for the Dumfries Town Council and was elected. He went on to serve the town of Dumfries as a Councilman for twenty-eight years; several of those years serving as the Vice Mayor. He always strived to work cooperatively with each citizen and with other town officials. He is and has always been committed to the citizens and promised them dedicated service, and representation with integrity; promises that he fulfilled. Clyde is the husband of Gwen Porter Washington, who is also being honored tonight. He is also a dedicated member and Deacon at the Little Union Baptist Church, a member of the NAACP, and a Lifetime Member of the Virginia Education and the National Education Association.

Gwen Washington: Gwen was educated in the segregated Prince William County school system. She graduated from Jennie Dean High School in Manassas, Virginia. Gwen is a graduate of Virginia State University, with a degree in Education. She also has a Master of Education degree from George Mason University. Gwen is a third-generation educator which fueled her passion to teach. She invested her passion for education back into the community, serving as an educator for 33 years. Gwen's 33-year teaching career allowed her to have many rewarding experiences. She had a very successful coaching career, winning numerous championships in gymnastics, track & field, and volleyball; she served as department chair for seventeen years; she served as a workshop presenter at numerous county and state teacher workshops, and she also participated in teacher-mentoring where she was able to share effective motivational and behavior modification skills with other teachers. While working part time at Dumfries Elementary School, in November 2015, Gwen was appointed to serve on the Dumfries Town Council. This allowed her to serve out the term of a council member who was moving to the Mayors position. She was highly honored to be asked to serve in this leadership role. At the end of her designated appointment, she went on to be elected to two more terms before retiring. Gwen is the wife of Clyde Washington who is also being honored tonight. She is also a dedicated member of Little Union Baptist Church in Dumfries where she is on numerous chairs and ministries. She is past president and current vice-president of the Deaconess Board, president of the Drama Ministry, and a member of two choirs. She is also a member of the

Retired Virginia and National Education Associations, the NAACP, and a very active member of Women in Community Action.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these two incredible individuals and congratulating them on their awards. The contributions and leadership of these two honorees have greatly benefitted our community and truly merit our highest praise. They have made the Town of Dumfries and the entire county extremely proud and I commend them each for their service and dedication.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Chair, I would like to acknowledge that Division C of H.R. 2740, the Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2020's Committee Report, H. Rept. 116–84, provided an additional \$10 million general program increase in funding for the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Support Program within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide Account. These funds will allow the Department of Defense to leverage existing public-private-partnerships to establish a U.S. based manufacturing development platform for advanced microelectronic system integration, including foundational copper-based silicon interposer technology.

The Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Program is dedicated to ensuring that the Department of Defense is positioned to more effectively, and efficiently, address industrial base issues, and support the National Security Innovation Base. This includes the ability to proactively mitigate supply chain vulnerabilities within the global defense industrial base, and to cultivate next generation, emerging, defense manufacturing and technology sectors.

Continued U.S. global leadership in microelectronics depends on U.S. owned firms operating at the leading edge of advanced logic technologies and digital memories. The next generation of electronic devices will require significantly greater functional density, in other words, packing functional components together even more tightly than current technology allows. This requires technical leadership in microelectronics system integration, specifically in the microelectronics manufacturing areas of integrating heterogeneous devices, stacking memory, logic processing, sensors, communications, and packaging with security and advanced interconnect methods.

One of the foundational technologies required for advanced system integration is copper-based silicon interposer technology. This

foundational interposer technology can enable almost any microelectronic dependent, or internet of things, system. However, advanced system integration capabilities have moved offshore due to cost, and there currently is no domestic sources that can reliably serve the low volumes of advanced microelectronics that the Department of Defense requires.

That is why there is a need for the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Support Program to leverage existing public-private-partnerships to establish a U.S. based manufacturing development platform for advanced microelectronic system integration, including the foundational copper-based silicon interposer technology. This funding increase will help to accomplish this, and I thank the Chairman for the general program increase of \$10 million for the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Support Program within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide Account.

I support the rapid modernization of domestic state-of-the-art foundry operations that produce trusted microelectronics and thank the Chairman and the Committee for all their work on the issue.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. DONNA MARIA GRANT

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Donna Maria Grant, a trailblazer in the field of education, who passed away on June 10, 2019, at the age of 71.

Dr. Grant was born on February 4, 1948 in Tampa, Florida, to Mr. Smile Benton and Mrs. Daisy Johnson. In 1966, she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, Florida, earned a B.S. degree and M.Ed degree from Florida A&M University in Elementary Education, and completed all coursework towards a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1974, she married Mr. Robert "Bob" Grant.

Dr. Grant worked her entire professional career in education. She passionately worked with all ages of students from elementary through graduate school. After spending over 30 years in the Miami-Dade Public School System, Dr. Grant retired as an elementary school principal. However, due to her love for education, her retirement was short lived.

In 2006, Dr. Grant moved to New Orleans and began working as an Associate Professor in the College of Education and Human Development at Southern University at New Orleans. At the time of her death, Dr. Grant served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services at Southern University at New Orleans.

Dr. Grant, always having a heart for the community, was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW), Just Us (Miami chapter), and numerous other community empowerment organizations. Also, Dr. Grant was a faithful member of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Dr. Grant lived an extraordinary life that cannot be overstated. She was committed to

elevating minds, bringing students together, and improving access to higher education for all. She was an intellectual titan, trailblazer in the field of education, and her legacy as well as her spirit will remain a guiding force for all.

Dr. Grant is survived by two sons; Christopher Grant and Robert "Bobby" Grant, two daughters; Sherri Grant and Micheline Lyles, a brother; Rickey Perkins, grandchildren; Christopher, Jr., Jeremiah, James, Ciera, Jamica, Kerry, Cameron, Eric, and Deshun, and a host of relatives and friends.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Donna Maria Grant.

TRIBUTE TO CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Children's Hospital Los Angeles for being ranked first among children's hospitals in California and across the Western U.S., in addition to being named one of the top five children's hospitals in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report's Honor Roll of Best Children's Hospitals. The talented doctors, nurses, volunteers, and staff at Children's Hospital Los Angeles provide every child with the best care possible, and have touched the lives of countless families across Los Angeles, including mine.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles has been providing excellent pediatric care to the Los Angeles area since 1901, and today offers more than 350 specialty programs and services to meet the needs of some of the community's most vulnerable members. In addition to its patient services, Children's Hospital Los Angeles supports innovative research efforts which impact children across the nation and around the world. When it comes to children's health and well-being, Children's Hospital Los Angeles's quality of care is truly unparalleled.

I am proud to recognize every individual at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for their unyielding commitment to caring for the children of Los Angeles. I ask all members to join me in commending Children's Hospital Los Angeles for its compassionate, exceptional pediatric care.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADI-
TION OF BRUNCH ON THE FARM
IN SHAWANO COUNTY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Brunch on the Farm in Shawano County hosted this year by Goers Family Dairy in Gresham.

Brunch on the Farm is an iconic Shawano County tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment,

and enjoy a delicious meal prepared on the farm.

I am grateful to Goers Family Dairy for hosting the 2019 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm. One hundred and fifty years ago, Goers Family Dairy was established in the town of Herman. Brothers Jeff and Matt Goers, fifth-generation farmers, currently operate the dairy and milk over 200 cows. The milk generated by the dairy's cows is sent to Saputo Cheese in Black Creek and made into a variety of cheeses. It is evident the agricultural community greatly respects the Goers' contributions to the dairy industry as Matt was recently honored by the Shawano Area Agricultural Society as Shawano County's Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.

The Shawano County Farm Bureau organizes the annual Brunch on the Farm by recruiting host farms, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. Comprised of farmers and agribusiness professionals, the Shawano County Farm Bureau promotes agricultural education, leadership and awareness within the community.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of Brunch on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to Goers Family Dairy, the Shawano County Farm Bureau, and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

HONORING GAIL F. HOOD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable professional, Ms. Gail F. Hood.

Ms. Hood started her Law Enforcement career in 1990 with the Belzoni Police Department as a Telecommunicator. Ms. Hood later became a TAC Officer (Training Agency Coordinator) for the Belzoni Police Department. Ms. Hood's responsibilities included: Implementing policies and procedures, scheduling of work assignments, preparing for audits, and executing telecommunication training.

In April 2000, Ms. Hood transferred to the Humphrey's County Sheriffs Department, as Office Administrator. Ms. Hood is responsible for the direction, coordination and overall management of the department. Ms. Hood is responsible for assisting in implementing personnel policies and procedures, scheduling of work assignments and executing the objectives set by the Executive Officer. As Administrator, Ms. Hood additionally has an opportunity to apply and assist in obtaining grant funds for the Sheriffs Department. She also assists in other areas of the grant process including initializing, research, following-up communication and reports. Ms. Hood analyzes, monitors, and prepares weekly and monthly reports; cash journal reports, request for purchase orders, inventory receiving clerk, assisting in budget formulation and modification, audit preparation and reimbursements. Ms. Hood will follow all the guidelines set forth by the state for the allocation of said funds.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Gail Hood for her dedi-

cation to serving others and giving back to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I had a family commitment and so I missed Roll Call vote number 324 regarding the "Lesko Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 325 regarding the "Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 326 regarding the "Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 327 regarding the "Gosar/Luetkemeyer Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 328 regarding the "Grijalva Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 329 regarding the "Gosar Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 330 regarding the "Speier to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 331 "Meadows Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 332 regarding the "Lowey Amendments to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 333 regarding the "Empowering Beneficiaries, Ensuring Access, and Strengthening Accountability Act of 2019, as amended." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 334 regarding the "Grothman Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 335 regarding the "Walker Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 336 regarding the "Palmer Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 337 regarding the "Arrington Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 338 regarding the "Banks Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 339 regarding the "Lowey Amendments to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 340 regarding the "Allen Amendment to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 341 regarding the "Visclosky Amendments to H.R. 2740." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

RECOGNIZING HARRY PFISTER
AND MANNA ON MAIN STREET

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, who is working tirelessly to make our community a better place.

Master Harry Pfister, a 7th Degree Black Belt who serves as Vice President of Villari's Pennsylvania and Owner and Chief Instructor at Villari's of Chalfont, has been using his karate expertise as a way to assist a nonprofit organization in Lansdale. Since the 1990s, Master Pfister has hosted a "Kick-A-Thon," which to date has raised over \$100,000 for Manna on Main Street. This year, \$10,500 was raised.

I applaud Master Pfister for his work, and appreciate the commitment of Manna on Main Street to ending food insecurity in the North Penn region.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNT- ABILITY ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, Representative DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. and I introduced the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2019. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked police vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal police officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens.

On November 17, 2017, Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia; after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body-worn and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal police also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District of Columbia. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when criminals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because

they realize that their license plate will be documented. Criminals may also be less likely to batter an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body-worn and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local law enforcement officers, including Metropolitan Police Department officers in the District, are wearing body cameras and using dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal officers following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and are the 2019 recipients of the prestigious Prince William Chamber of Commerce Merit Award and Valorous Unit Award for their service. The annual Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals.

For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to our firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. For fire and rescue personnel, no two days are alike. Always on the front lines, the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue is comprised of three sections: community safety, operations, and support systems. Dedicated service members of a combination career and volunteer system fight fires, provide emergency medical services, perform rescues, and work in our community to promote fire safety and prevention.

The Department of Fire and Rescue was founded in 1966, when just about 50,000 people lived in Prince William County. Through the years, the Department has had to continuously adapt as the population rapidly expanded to over 430,000 people. Yet, our Fire and Rescue department continues to provide high quality and efficient firefighting and emergency medical services to our community. They provide around the clock services from 22 fire stations in a county spanning 348 square miles.

In recognition of their acts of valor, it is my honor to include in the Record the following names of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue public safety personnel:

Merit Award for Valor: Technician I Cody Durham, Lieutenant Nick Feliciano, Technician II Chris Gott, Lieutenant Kenneth Zack.

Valorous Unit: Technician II Christopher Clark, Technician II Daniel Jackson, Technician I Kevin Ganssle, Technician I Michael Baker, Captain Brian Ferguson, Technician I Victor Vega, Technician I Aldo Bonilla, Technician I Michael Chergosky.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleague to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women truly merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue public safety professionals for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Chair, I believe that additional Congressional emphasis on demining efforts in Nagorno-Karabakh is unnecessary at this time since demining will be complete next year, according to the Halo Trust.

Moving forward, we all hope that peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia is on the horizon. And it very well may be. In a few weeks, senior U.S. negotiators will meet with the Foreign Ministers of both Azerbaijan and Armenia to advance the prospect of peace in Nagorno-Karabakh under the Minsk Process. As we watch this process which is clearly working, Congress should let negotiations play out.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize, June 19th, 2019 as Juneteenth National Freedom Day. Juneteenth, or the "19th of June", recognizes the day, in 1865, in Galveston, Texas, when Union Army Major General Gordon Granger announced freedom for all slaves in Texas.

Major General Granger's arrival in Galveston occurred more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed and enforced by President Lincoln. Upon the

issuance of General Order No. 3 by Major General Granger, the former slaves, and now free men and women celebrated ecstatically. Currently, 46 states recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday.

In 2002, I proposed "An Act relating to the designation of a Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in the Iowa Senate. That bill was enacted by the Iowa General Assembly and was signed into law by then Governor Thomas J. Vilsack. The proclamation encouraged all state governmental entities, civil organizations, educational institutions to "observe the day ... (the third Saturday in June) in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery and to recognize and celebrate the importance of [Juneteenth] to every person who cherishes liberty and equality for all people." This historic legislation was passed unanimously by the Iowa State House and Senate, and the signature by Governor Vilsack designated Iowa as the seventh state to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to recognize Juneteenth National Freedom Day and I hope we, as a Congress, continue to recognize and to acknowledge this important piece of American history and the advancements we have made since then.

SSB 3151

An Act relating to the designation of a Juneteenth National Freedom Day

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. *New Section.* 1C.12 Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

The governor of this state is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day and to encourage all governmental entities, civic organizations, schools, and institutions of higher education in the state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the emancipation proclamation that ended slavery in the United States and to recognize and celebrate the importance of this day to every person who cherishes liberty and equality for all people.

EXPLANATION

This bill authorizes and requests the governor to issue annually a proclamation designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day. The proclamation is also intended to encourage all governmental entities, civic organizations, schools, and institutions of higher education in the state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the emancipation proclamation that ended slavery in the United States and to recognize and celebrate the importance of this day to every person who cherishes liberty and equality for all people.

SF 2273

(Successor to SSB 3151)

Passed Senate, Date 2/28/02; Passed House, Date 3/21/02.

Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0; Vote: Ayes 95 Nays 0. Approved April 11, 2002.

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MARY E. KRAMER,
President of the Senate.

BRENT SIEGRIST,
Speaker of the House.

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2273, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

Approved 4/11, 2002.

THOMAS J. VILSACK,
Governor.

HONORING GEORGE TORRIE JACKSON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Lieutenant Colonel George Torrie Jackson, Jr. who is a native of Jackson, MS.

LTC Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and master's degree in Education Administration, both from Jackson State University. LTC Jackson is a 30-year member of the U.S. Army Reserve/Mississippi Army National Guard and veteran of Operation Iraq Freedom. He began his military career as a Petroleum Laboratory Specialist (E-3) (894th Quartermaster Company, Jackson, MS—1988–1992), then as a Finance Specialist (E-4) (210th Finance Battalion, Jackson, MS—1992–1996). LTC Jackson was commissioned through the Mississippi Military Academy (Class 38), Camp Shelby, MS in 1996. As a commissioned officer, LTC Jackson has held many duty assignments to include positions as a Subsistence Officer, (114th Area Support Group, Hattiesburg, MS—1996–1997), Platoon Leader (3656th Maintenance Company, Camp Shelby, MS—1997–1998), Detachment Commander (3656th Maintenance Company, DET 1, Waynesboro, MS—1998–2000), Maintenance Control Officer/Executive Officer (3656th Maintenance Company, Camp Shelby, MS—2000–2001), Detachment Commander/Executive Officer (3656th Maintenance Company, DET 2, Gloster, MS—2001–2002), S-1 Personnel Officer (298th Maintenance Bat-

alion, Philadelphia, MS—2002–2003), Service and Support Officer (114th Area Support Group, Hattiesburg, MS—2003–2006). During Operation Iraqi Freedom (2004) LTC Jackson served as the C4 Sustainment Battle Captain and Coalition Acquisition Review Board (CARB and Super CARB) secretary. His next successive assignments included Company Commander (1/185th Aviation Battalion, E Company, Jackson, MS—2006–2008), S-3 Operations Officer (8/108th Transportation Battalion, Jackson, MS—2008–2012), Executive Officer (8/108th Transportation Battalion, Jackson, MS—2012–2014), and Materiel Readiness Branch Chief (377th Theater Sustainment Command, Belle Chasse, LA—2014–2016).

LTC Jackson currently serves as the Battalion Commander of the 5th Logistic Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) Support Battalion, located in Sheffield, AL.

LTC Jackson's awards and commendations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Overseas Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal and the Mississippi Longevity Medal.

In his civilian capacity, LTC Jackson serves as a school administrator for the Holmes County School District Central High School, located in Lexington, MS, and holds the rank of Lieutenant with the Hinds County Sheriffs Office—Reserve Division in Jackson, MS. LTC Jackson, his wife, Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, and two sons, Cameron and Kendall, currently live in Terry, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Lieutenant Colonel George Torrie Jackson, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADITION OF SUNDAE ON THE FARM IN CALUMET COUNTY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Sundae on the Farm in Calumet County hosted this year by Jenlar Holsteins and Brown Swiss in Chilton.

Sundae on the Farm is an iconic Calumet County tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy delicious cheese and ice cream.

I am grateful to Jenlar Holsteins and Brown Swiss for hosting the 2019 Calumet County Sundae on the Farm. Andy and Joan Meyer started their farm in 1970 with one calf. Today, three generations of the Meyer Family farms and milks over 120 cows. The Meyers continuously strive to improve their farm, utilizing innovative practices like sand bedding and a

robotic milking system to make the cows more comfortable. The operation of the farm has changed over time, but the Meyer Family's pride in their work remains strong.

The Calumet County Dairy Promotion Committee organizes Sundae on the Farm by recruiting host farms, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. To continue the promotion of agriculture throughout the year, the Committee provides educational opportunities to communities across Calumet County.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of the Sundae on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Meyers, the Calumet County Dairy Promotion Committee, and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the Prince William County Police Department and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to ensuring the safety of their colleagues and members of the community and their designation as 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients. The annual Valor Awards ceremony recognizes the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals. For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service.

Our public safety and law enforcement workforces put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. In recognition of acts of valor, we award the following honorees for their demonstrated extraordinary dedication and outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Prince William County Police Department law enforcement professionals:

Investigative Merit Award: Officer Ronald Carpio, Detective Lourdes Cainas, Crime Scene Analyst Rebekah Kushner, Crime Scene Specialist Shreya Kamath, Rose Hellmann, Detective Katherine Zaimis, Detective Jonathan Kennedy, Detective Donald DeShazo.

Gold Medal for Valor: Officer John Yenchak, Officer Franco Martinez, Officer Rachel Mynier, Officer Matthew Takats, Officer Evan Jurgensen, Officer Taylor Calton, Officer Benjamin Infanti, Officer Wade Dickinson, Officer Travis Hardman, First Sergeant Daniel Crawford, Officer Kevin Vasquez, Sergeant David Bliss.

Silver Medal for Valor: Officer Joshua Myers, Officer Christopher Hume, Officer Jonathan Seals, Investigator Robert Drumm, Officer Brian Kimble.

Gold Medal for Valor and a Silver Medal for Valor: Officer Nicholas Kelly, Officer Jordanis Lozier.

Investigative Merit Award: Detective Nathan Thomas, Detective Robyn Hyatt, Detective Victor Cordero, Detective Josh Lane, Crime Analyst Jacquelin Graham, Crime Analyst Dawn Locke-Trillhaase.

Merit Award for Valor: Officer Sean A. Richards.

Hillary Robinette Award: Officer Darrick Dillon, Detective Joshua Lane, Detective Jeremy Booth, Detective Simon Chu, Detective Alicia Larkins, Detective Kevin Morin, Detective Matthew Newton, Detective Walter O'Neal, Detective Daniel Sekely, Detective Wayne Smith, Detective Nicholas Waymire, Detective Robert White, Sergeant Ryan Pavol, First Sergeant Kenneth Hulse, Special Victims Bureau—Detective Helga Thorsdottir.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the Prince William County Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all Prince William County Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Thursday Luncheon Group, an organization that serves as an effective platform to help African-Americans play an equitable role in the formulation, articulation, and implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

When I travel the world, I witness firsthand the importance of having an inclusive diplomatic corps reflecting the American people's rich cultural tapestry. As the U.S. Department of State's oldest Employee Affinity Group, TLG has been instrumental in leading the charge to promote diversity within the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In 1973, two senior USIA Officers, William B. Davis and Robert A. Dumas, urged their friends at USIA, the State Department, and USAID to consider what could be done to encourage a significant role for African-Americans in foreign affairs. These founding members began meeting regularly on the first Thursday of every month to discuss issues affecting the careers of African American Foreign Service and Civil Service personnel and to create space for open exchanges with guest speakers. This group of trailblazers understood then, as we fully appreciate now, the struggle for representation is often long but begins with a dedicated few.

Nearly five decades later, the Thursday Luncheon Group has over 500 members, including retired and current Department of State and USAID employees, and dedicated members from five other federal agencies. Their members have taken prominent roles in

the development and execution of U.S. foreign policy, including Chiefs of Mission, Career Ambassadors, and Assistant Secretaries. TLG members monitor recruitment, assignments, employment practices, training and other matters of vital interest to minorities at the State Department and USAID.

In addition, TLG works to improve the career development and networking opportunities among their members. The organization is committed to mentoring entry-level and mid-level officers in an effort to prepare them to become the future leaders in international affairs.

What is most impressive is their commitment to giving back. The organization sponsors two paid summer internships at the Department of State. TLG also established the Terence A. Todman Book scholarship (named after the first African American to be named Career Ambassador, the highest rank among the diplomatic corps) for students at eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

With the Thursday Luncheon Group's strong commitment to diversity and excellence in international affairs, TLG has set the standard for all other affinity to follow. I congratulate the members of the Thursday Luncheon Group for forty-five years of service to our country. Our country is better because of your service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 25

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

SD-366

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc.113-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc.112-01), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed

on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc.114-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc.111-08), the nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending calendar business.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety

To hold hearings to examine technological innovations in transportation.

SD-562

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the exploitation of migrants through smuggling, trafficking, and involuntary servitude.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Amtrak, focusing on next steps for passenger rail.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 325, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Garrison Diversion Unit Project Oakes Test Area in Dickey County, North Dakota, to the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1305, to establish a Federal cost share percentage for the Milk River Project in the State of Montana, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, and S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, fo-

cusing on securing the nation's fiscal future.

SD-608

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's Small Business Investment Company program.

SR-428A

JUNE 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine options for the interim and long-term storage of nuclear waste, including S. 1234, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

JULY 23

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcement of the antitrust laws.

SD-226